

pected that the time and place will be announced in the 1961 report bulletin.

The following slate of officers for the coming year was presented by the nominating committee and elected by unanimous vote of the members present:

President, William K. Emerson.

Vice-president, Albert R. Mead.

2nd Vice-president, Robert W. Talmadge.

Secretary-treasurer, Margaret C. Teskey.

Publications Editor, Morris K. Jacobson.

Councillors-at-Large, John B. Burch, H. B.

Herrington, Edward H. Michelson, Virginia Orr.

The field trip on Friday was a 50 mile excursion to Scientists Cliffs on Chesapeake Bay where the clay banks of the Calvert formation yield a seemingly endless series of Miocene fossils. The trek back to the city was the final feature of the 1961 meeting, another to be added to the long list of memorable reunions of the AMU. — MARGARET C. TESKEY

## NOTES AND NEWS

BECKIANUM—New genus (or subgenus of *Leptinaria* Beck, 1837?) in Achatinidae (Subulininae). Type species is *Synopeas beckianum* (Pfeiffer) H. B. Baker, 1945, Naut. 58:91; 1947, Naut. 61 (1): plate 1, from Córdoba, Mexico. As stated by Zilch, 1959, Handb. Paläzool. 6 (2):351, *Synopeas* Jousseau, 1889, is a homonym of Foerster, 1856.

As pointed out in 1945:88, this unique species is very distinct from either *Opeas* (Ferussaciinae) or *Lamellaxis* and *Leptinaria*, sensu stricto (Subulininae) but, from its shell sculpture, it may belong near *Pelatrinia* Pilsbry, 1907 (1):324, which was proposed as a subgenus of *Leptinaria*. *Pelatrinia* has a larger, more conoid and imperforate shell, which carries its columellar cord into the aperture.—H. BURRINGTON BAKER.

MAXWELL SMITH—Dr. Joshua L. Baily, Jr., writes from Asheville, N. C., that Maxwell died there Sept. 12, and that a biographic sketch will be prepared for a future number.—H.B.B.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SLUGS, additional locality records.—The following records are here listed because of their importance in establishing knowledge of distribution.

*Lehmannia poivieri* (Mabille). Santa Cruz Island, Stanton